



GOV. MSG. NO. 561

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

January 30, 2019

The Honorable Ronald Kouchi, President,
And Members of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6 of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination:

Brian Lee
Hawai'i Workforce Development Council
Expiration Date: June 30, 2020.

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
The Voice of Business

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts
Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 3:00 P.M.
Conference Room 224, State Capitol**

RE: GM 561 BRIAN LEE CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii **supports** the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Brian Lee to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Mr. Lee, who currently holds the position as Director for the Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund, is very well qualified for the position and has been serving as a member of the Workforce Development Council since being appointed as a holdover and serving since last year. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and will only help to bolster the efficiency of the Workforce Development Council.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our strong support for this nomination.



HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Thursday, February 21, 2019
3:00pm, State Capitol Room 224

GM561 – Nomination of Brian Lee to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council

Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters – Support for GM561

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters is pleased to support the nomination of Brian Lee to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

The Hawaii Workforce Development Council is comprised of 41 members representing both the public and private sector. Among many other responsibilities, the Council's purpose is to help to review statewide policies and actions intended to strengthen workforce development programs, improve workforce development throughout the state, share information on best practices for workforce development and training programs, and determine the allocation formulas for funds for employment and training.

Mr. Lee is well-prepared to take on this role, having served in key leadership roles for several Hawaii labor organizations, including Hawaii LECET, IBEW, the Operating Engineers, and the Hawaii Construction Industry Association. He previously served on the Oahu Workforce Development Board and various committees on behalf of employers, employees, and the public sector.

Throughout his career, Mr. Lee has proven himself as a true friend of Hawaii's workers. As a member of the Council, he will surely continue his tireless passion and advocacy for improving Hawaii's workforce.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments in support of Mr. Lee's nomination to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

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February 20, 2019

The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara Jr., Vice Chair
and members
Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts
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**RE: SUPPORT for GM 561- Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIAN LEE,
for a term to expire 06-30-2020.**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and members:

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Union, Local 630; International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local 1; and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. Together, the member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.

The Alliance has worked closely with Brian Lee for many years and views Mr. Lee as a knowledgeable and thoughtful associate who has the best interests of Hawaii's workers at heart.

The Workforce Development Council is responsible for preparing and overseeing the comprehensive state plan for workforce development in the state of Hawaii, and for advising the Governor, on state policies and funding priorities that it believes should be adopted by the state government in order to address the unmet workforce and economic development needs across the state.

Therefore, we humbly ask for your committee's favorable action on GM-561.

Mahalo,



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Testimony of
Christopher Delaunay, Government Relations Manager
Pacific Resource Partnership

House Committee on Labor, Culture and The Arts
Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

GM 561 – Nomination of Brian Lee to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council

Thursday, February 21, 2019
3:00 P.M.
Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the Committee:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) supports the nomination of Brian Lee to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council (WDC).

The WDC is an attached agency to the State of Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and advises the Governor and Legislature on workforce development to support economic development and employment opportunities for employers and employees.

The WDC is responsible for administering and implementing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA). This Federal program is designed to strengthen and improve our nation's public workforce system, including adults, dislocated workers, youth and those with significant barriers to employment. WIOA emphasizes in-demand jobs and careers that help employers hire and retain skilled workers.

Mr. Lee has served in leadership positions with several labor organizations in the State of Hawaii, including Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Hawaii Operating Engineers, and the Hawaii Construction Industry Association. He also served on the Oahu Workforce Development Board and various committees on behalf of employers, employees, and the public sector.

We respectfully urge you to confirm Mr. Lee as a member of the WDC where he would be able to share his knowledge and skills of the construction industry and labor to benefit Hawaii's workforce.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mr. Lee's nomination.





**International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
District Council 50**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2019

TIME/DATE: 3:00 P.M. – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 561 – "SUBMITTING FOR
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BRIAN LEE, FOR A
TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2020."

TO SENATOR BRIAN TANIGUCHI, CHAR AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CLTURE AND THE ARTS:

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50, appreciates the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of Governor's Message No. 561 – Gubernatorial Nominee, Brian Lee, to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council. My name is Lorna Woo, Director of Government Affairs, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50, an organization comprised of five (5) unions, the Painters, Local Union 1791; the Glaziers Architectural and Glass Metal Workers, Local Union 1889; the Carpet Linoleum and Soft Tile, Local Union 1926; the Drywall, Tapers Finishers, Local Union 1944; and the Pearl Harbor Metal Trades Local Union 1941, representing approximately 2000 members throughout the State of Hawaii.

I am writing in strong support of Mr. Brian Lee to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

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I have worked closely with Brian on a number of legislative and industry initiatives over the years and have found him to be very informative and hard working. He possesses a wealth of knowledge and has a keen understanding of the construction industry. He is also an excellent communicator which enables him to build and foster relationships, bringing insight and acuity to the board.

Brian has also held many positions throughout his career, ranging from directorships to legislative chairperson on various boards and commission. He is passionate about every venture that he undertakes and never fails to give his one hundred percent. I truly believe that Brian's experiences in the private sector will allow him to make comprehensive and unbiased decisions with a vested interest for all.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and I humbly ask that you support the confirmation of Mr. Brian Lee to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

GM-561

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 11:33:06 AM

Testimony for LCA on 2/21/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan S. Hayashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts:

My name is Alan S. Hayashi, Vice Chairman of the Workforce Development Council (WDC) Board, and am testifying in strong support of Brian Lee to become a member of the WDC Board.

Brian brings extensive knowledge of the sector he represents and will be valuable in contributing sector information during the WDC Board's deliberations on many workforce matters.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Aloha, Alan S. Hayashi

February 18, 2019

To: **SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS**
For hearing on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 3:00 pm in Room 224

Re: **GM 561, STATEMENT OF BRIAN LEE**, for consideration and confirmation to the
Hawaii Workforce Development Council for a term to expire 6-30-2020

Aloha **Honorable Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara**, and Members of the Committee,

It is my honor to be nominated by **Governor David Ige** to serve on the state-wide **Hawaii Workforce Development Council** (HWDC). My nomination was submitted by **President Randy Pereira** to represent the **Hawaii State AFL-CIO**, which includes over 110,000 members throughout the State of Hawaii. I've served as an interim appointee to the HWDC since last summer, and currently serve on the Council's *Performance Measures and Accountability Committee* as Vice Chair.

I have been blessed to have worked in the training field in many industries, including media production, financial investment, and construction apprenticeship training programs, including as a fiduciary Trustee overseeing hundreds of millions of dollars in member ERISA funds. I have also served on the City & County of Honolulu's **Oahu Workforce Development Board** for two years.

My background includes a long and productive history of working with both the labor and management sides of employment, and with collective bargaining and union and non-union issues and concerns. I believe that collaboration is the key to successful working relationships, and look forward to finding solutions that will benefit parties on all sides.

I believe that I am known for being fair, honest, and results-oriented. I put great value in doing things right, as a way to give back to our great state and country for our good fortunes. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to humbly submit my testimony.

Mahalo,

Brian Lee
Honolulu, Hawaii

GM-561

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 12:18:02 PM

Testimony for LCA on 2/21/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arnold	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I would like to state I am in strong support of Mr. Brian Lee to be appointed to Workforce Development Council.

I have known Brian both professionally and personally and we can say that he is truly a man of honor, integrity and compassion. Professionally, Brian has been at the forefront of multitude of Planning and Labor issues in Hawaii. He ensured that we all know our duties to protect Hawaii's working men and women.

Brian has always been part of the community. His dedication to Hawaii can be seen through his leadership in various organizations. He truly believes that we must assist and better Hawaii for our future.

February 20, 2019

To: The Honorable Brian T Taniguchi, Chair, Les Ihara, Jr, Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

Subject: Governors Message **GM 561: Strong Support** of the Nomination of **Brian Lee** to continue his service on the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224

The Honorable Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and Members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts,

I am Lance Inouye, President of Ralph S. Inouye Co., Ltd. (RSI), a local general contractor. I am writing in **strong support** of the confirmation of **Brian Lee**, to continue serving on the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council through June 30, 2020. For all the years I've had the privilege of knowing him, **Brian** has been deeply involved in labor workforce matters for the construction industry. His passion for construction labor is quite evident as he continues to serve in the construction industry as Executive Director of a joint Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund for union construction laborers in our State. Wherever he serves, he has shown his leadership in getting people together to solve labor problems in our Aloha State and will continue to be an asset as a member of the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council. Hawaii will be the beneficiary of Brian's vast labor experience and leadership skills on this Council.

Hence RSI and I personally **strongly support** the appointment of **Brian Lee** to serve on the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council and urge the Committee to confirm his nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion of **Brian**.

GM-561

Submitted on: 2/21/2019 7:44:03 AM

Testimony for LCA on 2/21/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Masatsugu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: